

Latimer, Becky

**From:** Latimer, Becky  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 28, 2020 1:20 PM  
**To:** : \_\_\_\_\_ n  
**Subject:** 2019-281-S

Dear Willie Stevenson,

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Sincerely,  
Becky Latimer

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**From:** Easterling, Deborah  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 28, 2020 11:42 AM  
**To:** Latimer, Becky  
**Subject:** FW: [External] Letter to Protest Palmetto Utilities Increase 2019-2020

**From:** Willie Stevenson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 28, 2020 11:00 AM  
**To:** PSC\_Contact <Contact@psc.sc.gov>  
**Subject:** [External] Letter to Protest Palmetto Utilities Increase 2019-2020

Please do not allow this increase to pass. Our rates have already increased by 5 times the rate since I purchased my home in 2014. I am a single parent with a teenage daughter about to start college. How does my household use the same quantity of waste than a household of 3 or more? Thank you for hearing my request.

Respectfully,  
Miss Willie Stevenson

Sent from my Verizon 4G LTE Smartphone

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**From:** Latimer, Becky  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 28, 2020, 4:29 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** 2019-281-S

Dear Urica and Roddrick Floyd,

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**Letter of Protest**  
**Docket No. 2019-281-S**

Date: \* Jan. 28, 2020

**Protestant Information:**

Name \* Urica P. & Roddrick P. Floyd  
Mailing Address \* \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State Zip \* Columbia SC Phone \* \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**1. What is your connection or interest in this case? \* For example, are you a customer of the Company that is the subject of this pending proceeding? (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)**

I am a paying customer of Palmetto Utilities and I am writing a formal request to the Commission to stop Palmetto Utilities from increasing their rates from \$52.10 to \$66.52.

**2. Please give a concise statement of your protest. \* (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)**

Palmetto Utilities is using the excuse of upgrading their infrastructure to gouge their customers, and pay profits to their shareholders. The upgrade to the infrastructure should not be a windfall of cash to PU. As I understand it PU has already had 3 consecutive increases and this greedy money grab on the backs of customers has to stop.

It is inconceivable that East Richland County can provide the same services for a third of the cost. I just moved to Northeast Columbia from the downtown area and it was a sticker shock to see that PU charged \$52.10/month for the same services that East Richland provides at \$89/quarter or \$29.66/month.

**3. Do you wish to make an appearance at a hearing in this proceeding, if scheduled, and offer sworn testimony? \***

Due to prior commitments I will not be able to make an appearance at the upcoming hearings, so I am writing this formal letter of protest.

Signature Required:

**Latimer, Becky**

**From:** Latimer, Becky  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 28, 2020 1:22 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** 2019-281-S

Dear Jerry Lester,

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**Docket No.** \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \* 01/28/2030

**Protestant Information:**

Name \* Jerry F Lester

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip \* Elgin, SC

Phone \* \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**1. What is your connection or interest in this case? \* For example, are you a customer of the Company that is the subject of this pending proceeding? (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)**

I am a Customer!

**2. Please give a concise statement of your protest. \* (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)**

I moved here in 2014 and the sewer rates were approximately \$28.00 and sometime later the rates were raised to \$36.00. In 2017 the company asked the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to be allowed to merge with the company serving Columbia and at that time the PUC was told the Company would not ask for a rate increase. Two or three months later the Company submitted a request for a rate increase to \$62.00. That was an increase of 100%. Shortly thereafter the PUC granted a LARGE portion of the request to \$52.00 which I believe to be a 70% Increase. This occurred in the face of a promise just a few months earlier that they would not need an increase if the merger were allowed. What happened within the PUC in those few months. Did they think people would forget. Now the Merged Company is back to complete their original bite at the apple plus interest to increase the Sewer Rate to \$66.00. I don't think my sewer usage has increased by more than a 100% in the last <sup>+</sup>

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Signature Required: Jerry F Lester